

CONVENTION & ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department identifies non-recurring projects, including capital projects, based on long range plans and prioritizes them on an annual basis in conjunction with the departmental budget process. Those non-recurring projects deemed to have the highest priority are included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The FY2004-2008 Convention & Entertainment Facilities CIP is primarily a continuation of the FY2003-2007 Convention & Entertainment Facilities CIP. Priority projects funded in this CIP include renovation, repairs and refurbishment of existing facilities and the expansion of the George R. Brown Convention Center.

The Hilton Americas hotel, the George R. Brown Convention Center expansion and the associated garage will be funded by revenue bonds. The hotel and garage will be privately developed, constructed and managed, and therefore are not included in the department's CIP submission.

Various terms used in the CIP are defined in the appendix.